(b) The assessed hydro-electric potential of Himachal Pradesh is being developed in coordination with Northern States. However, some projects like Kishau and Renuka are held up for settlement of inter-state disputes.

Power consumption in Agriculture Sector

1475. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that specific power consumption in agriculture has now come at par with that of High Tension (HT) industries and several states like U.P. and Gujarat, have even exceeded this consumption; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) State-wise specific power consumption (Kwh/Kw) in agriculture and High Tension (HT) industries during 1996-97 is enclosed as statement (*see* below). The specific power consumption in agriculture in U.P. was almost at par with HT industries whereas in Gujarat it was less compared to HT industries. The specific power consumption between the two sectors differs in accordance with the level of development of these sectors in the State.

Statement

Specific Power consumption of Major States in Agriculture & H.T. Industries during the year 1996-97

	Specific Power Consumption (Kwh/KW)	
	Agriculture	H.T. Industrial
HARYANA	2008.5	1116.08
PUNJAB	2443.38	2193.67
RAJASTHAN	1681.87	2078.37
UTTAR PRADESH	2895.20	2915.84
GUJARAT	2453.50	2745.38
MADHYA PRADESH	2384.41	2834.76

	Specific Power Consumption (Kwh/KW)	
	Agriculture	H.T. Industrial
MAHARASHTRA	1980.95	3078.59
ANDHRA PRADESH	1147.51	2363.14
KARNATAKA	1796.84	2589.13
TAMIL NADU	1287.20	2361.63
BIHAR	1215.62	11230.46
ORISSA	618.97	2917.03
WEST BENGAL	3161.69	1216.37
ASSAM	682.22	1071.67
MEGHALAYA	1577.78	2835.32

Infalated Power Consumption by Pumpsets in U.P.

1476. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of the Sample Survey of farm consumption conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore that the pumpsets hardly work for one and half hours per day in U.P. and consume only 1,000 units of energy per KW, whereas UPSEB has been inflating this consumption to 3,000 units; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, on behalf of Rural Electrification Corporation conducted a survey in four districts of Uttar Pradesh namely Almora, Jaunpur, Mirzapur and Nainital covering thirteen Block/Taluks and their finding was that on an average electric pumpsets run for 1.36 hours per day.

As regards units of energy consumed, the neecessary information has been sought from the Government of U.P.